



NEWS RELEASE

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland

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UPDATE: Laramie Ranger District campgrounds and roads conditions

(Laramie, Wyo.) June 24, 2010 – Spring conditions on the Laramie Ranger District continue to result in temporary closures and delayed openings of some campgrounds, roads, and trails. At the time of this release, the following list is accurate.

Campgrounds

- In the Libby Creek Recreation Area, Pine and Spruce Campgrounds are open.
- The Willow Campground is open but must be accessed via Barber Lake Road from the upper junction with Highway 230. Visitors should take extra care when traveling on this portion of the Barber Lake Road as it is narrow in places. Large recreational vehicles and long truck and trailer combinations are not advised.
- Pelton Creek Campground and the north loop of the North Fork Campground are open.
- In the Pole Mountain Area, Vedauwoo and Yellow Pine Campgrounds are open.
- The opening of all other campgrounds on the Laramie Ranger District is delayed due to flood damage, snowpack, or hazard trees onsite.

National Forest System Roads (NFSRs)

- NFSR 512 between Fox Park and Foxborough is closed due to severe rutting. The road will be opened as soon as the road dries sufficiently to allow the Forest Service to make repairs. The Foxborough area may be accessed via the Keystone area.
- The lower portion of NFSR 351, the Barber Lake Rd., remains impassable between Pine and Willow Campgrounds as a result of damage from last week's flooding.

Visitors should know that falling trees are always a hazard. Here are some guidelines:

- Be aware of your surroundings and avoid dense patches of dead trees. They can fall without warning.
- Stay out of the forest when there are strong winds that could blow down trees. If you are already in the forest when winds pick up, head to a clearing out of reach of any potential falling trees.
- Place tents and park vehicles in areas where they will not be hit if a tree falls.
- When driving in remote areas of the forest, park close to a main road rather than on a spur or one-way section to avoid being trapped if a tree falls across the road.
- Carry an ax or chain saw to remove fallen trees from roads in case you become trapped.
- Do not rely only on cell phones as there is no coverage in many areas of the national forest.
- Remember, your safety is your responsibility.

Although designated and open to travel, other roads may be impassable or partially impassable. Other campground, road, and trail closures may become necessary as conditions change as a result of the ongoing mountain pine beetle epidemic. For up-to-date information on these closures and delayed openings, please contact the Laramie Ranger District office at 307-745-2300.

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